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FOR AMB. ENDERS ONLY FROM GEORGE VEST AND PETER TARNOFF

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STOESSEL-ENDERS RUMOR

1. THE SECRETARY HAS REQUESTED THAT WE ENLIST YOUR HELP IN PUTTING TO REST, HOPEFULLY FOR GOOD, THE RECURRING PRESS REPORTS THAT YOU ARE REPLACING WALT STOESSEL IN BONN. THE NEWSWEEK PERISCOPE ITEM WAS ONLY THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF THESE REPORTS, AND IT CAME AT THE MOST EMBARRASSING POSSIBLE TIME, WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY IN BONN.

2. WE WILL LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT THE BEST WAY TO TRY TO KILL THESE STORIES. ONE APPROACH MIGHT BE FOR YOU TO CALL IN SOME CANADIAN AND AMERICAN JOURNALISTS IN ORDER TO IMPRESS ON THEM THE FACT THAT THE RUMOR IS TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, EMBARRASSING TO YOU AND WALT, PROBABLY THE RESULT OF YOUR TAKING GERMAN LESSONS, ETC.

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3. PLEASE REPORT THROUGH THIS CHANNEL THE RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS.

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